

OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN.

MIL. MCCOY FINDS CATTLE HIGH AND SCARCER IN TEXAS.

Ranchmen Will Be Compelled to Commence Breeding Again—Overcoat Thieves Hanging About the Stock Yards.

J. C. McCoy, of McCoy Bros., is just back from Clarendon, Tex. He says he found cattle both scarce and high in the Panhandle. But few cows are being sold, and ranchmen are stocking up whenever they can get cattle, and they are reaching out into every quarter for them. It is

bought thirty supply of cattle on the market from Texas next year will be shorter than ever, and it is evident that ranchmen must go to breeding again if they would stock up their ranches.

Overcoat thieves are still busy at the yards, but the last purloiner of winter warmth got neatly nabbed. James Troniman, a cattle salesman, yesterday morning while working in the yards hung his overcoat on the signpost in block G. A stranger came along hanging about it and noticed by number of cattlemen in the vicinity. Surprising the stranger, the thief was wronged they watched his maneuvers, and he was caught once or twice and stopped to look at coal in the news. Presently he became

against it and knocked it down on the plankway and left it as if by accident. He then goes down in the alley and enters the pen through the gate and creeps along the fence until he gets under the coat when he slowly drags it to the ground. The stockmen that had been looking on immediately surrounded the pen and the "gentleman" was nabbed. He gave his name as William Peal. He was turned over to the police authorities and locked up.

Barney Cunningham, of Fostoria, Kas, was at the yards yesterday with twenty-five native steers that were both smooth and spotted. They were sold by E. Clayton Taylor & Huston at \$14.50, the top of the market. Eastman got them for the export trade. The same firm sold for Rex Mastin, of Belton, Mo., twenty-two choice fat yearling steers, averaging 1,321 pounds, at \$14.50.

There were several lots of choice export steers in yesterday and they sold very well. Walter Jones, of Lebo, Kas., was here with a lot of choice grade steers that averaged 1,452 pounds. They were smooth and well finished. They were sold by Jones Bros. at \$15.50, the highest price of the day. Eastman took them for the export trade.

Visitors at the Yards with Stock.

Dan O'Brien, Slater, Mo., got feeders here yesterday.

S. L. Ramsey, Odessa, Mo., came in yesterday with hogs.

Chas. Gillett, Neosho, Mo., had a lot of cattle yesterday.

William Price & Co., Richards, Mo., were here yesterday.

Scholar Kramm, Norcora, Kas., was here yesterday with hogs.

W. S. Hubert & Son, Colony, Kas., got here yesterday with cattle.

A. L. Hinsen, Pundahde, Tex., was here yesterday with cattle.

D. R. Smiley, White Church, Kas., was here yesterday with calves.

C. B. Millam, Lowry City, Mo., came in yesterday with hogs.

Owen & Grisham, Lane, Kas., were here yesterday with feeders.

J. J. Webb, Moline, Kas., was on the

Yards yesterday with cattle.

T. Elliott, Platte county, Mo., was here after stock here yesterday.

J. F. Smith, Golden City, Mo., was at the yards yesterday with cattle.

G. J. H. Smith, Lawrence, Kas., was on the yards yesterday with cattle.

R. H. McKelghan, Lee's Summit, Mo., was here yesterday with hogs.

Colonel R. B. Groome, Woodward, O., was here yesterday with cattle.

L. P. Smart, Blue Jacket, I. T., was on the yards yesterday with cattle.

Monny B. Moore, L. F. Page, Adrian, Mo., got feeders here yesterday.

Bates Bros., Excelsior Springs, Mo., were at the yards yesterday with hogs.

J. M. Davis, Winchester, Kas., was the yards yesterday after feeders.

James Hale, Belton, Mo., was here yesterday with a lot of young steers.

M. C. Hancock and Shawver Bros., Seymour, Tex., were up yesterday with cattle.

G. D. Abel and Gelbach & Winne, Peru, Kas., came in yesterday with cattle and hogs.

HIS PAST A BLANK.

A Stranger in the Sedalia Hospital
Whose Memory Has Entirely
Left Him.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 25.—(Special.) A stran-

er, who has forgotten his past, has been an inmate of the city hospital here for the last three weeks and his case has puzzled all of the physicians who have visited him. Where he came from, who he is and what is the nature of his strange affliction are

questions which the authorities would like to have answered. Three weeks ago, a man about 46 years of age, six feet tall, 150 pounds weight, sandy hair and mustache and well dressed applied to the police for shelter. He could not tell his name, his former residence and his past life was perfect blank to him. The man was shot and he was sent to the city hospital. There he said his name was Ben F. Smith and remembered that at some place he had been engaged in cutting timber. A day or two

later Smith said he was a printer. He continued questioning it was learned that his wife on one night never died, but he could not remember where he lived when they died. He said he knows a William Fleming, secretary of the governing of Iowa; that he has a brother at Wynne, Ark., and has friends at Fort Worth, Tex., but he cannot remember his brother's name or those of his Tex. friends. He said he is not a member of the I. O. O. F. but says he is now superintendent of the Des Moines, Ia., public schools and a high degree Mason. He said he inquired a few years since the town mentioned in his answer reported to him that Smith is unknown to the parties addressed. The strange character of the story and the fact that the authorities are anxious to solve the mystery which envelops their strange charge, led to the following:

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 25.—(Special.)
Unconquered by death, he is creating
George West, of St. Joseph, lies in a cot
to-night. Yesterday afternoon, in the pres-
ence of an audience, DuPiere, the hy-
pnotist, put West to sleep, from which he
instructed not to awake for sixty hours.
It was the intention, after placing West
in this condition, to bury him and leave
him in a grave twenty hours. All arrange-
ments were made for the burial, but at
the last moment the city humane society
interfered and announced that the bur-
ial must not take place. Twenty-four stories
from Central street, in a room, the body
will, for four, will be constantly on hand, and
every half hour they will take the subject's
temperature and his pulse. To-night he
will be taken to the hospital, where he ap-
pears to be sleeping soundly and peace-
fully. The sleep thus induced, DuPiere
says, is pleasant or painful, according
to what is suggested to him. He has
been told that West had only the pleasant
suggestions made to him.